

IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ALABAMA
Circuit Courts of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties

ORDER PUBLISHING COURT CALENDAR
Civil and Criminal Divisions
Calendar Year 2021

FILED

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KIM McCARSON, CLERK

It is ORDERED that the attached shall constitute the Calendar for the Civil and Criminal Divisions of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Alabama for the calendar year 2021, exclusive of the Family Court Division of the Circuit Court and the District Courts of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties.

This calendar may be amended from time to time as necessary. Any individual judge may, as deemed necessary to promote an efficient use of judicial time and resources, issue orders docketing cases in a manner that is inconsistent with the provisions of this calendar. However, any such inconsistent settings shall be undertaken only after due consideration of any adverse impact that may thereby result. Conflicts that arise as a result of an individual judge setting cases inconsistently with the general provisions of this Calendar shall be resolved adversely to the "special" setting unless the adverse setting is to dispose of a capital case or a complex case involving special circumstances.

District Court for Calhoun and Cleburne County calendars shall be drawn in such a manner so as to minimize conflict with the Master Court Calendar. This requirement is in no way intended to establish any priority of cases between courts or to elevate the work or importance of one court over another. This Circuit has historically operated on a master rather than a unified calendar system. This "Master Calendar" is to be used as a key for the promulgation of the calendars for the above-named courts and, as such, should be used as a framework therefore. Conflicts, where they occur, will be resolved as set out below.

In the event of a case setting conflict, normally jury trials should prevail over non-jury settings and criminal cases should prevail over civil cases unless the law requires expedited disposition of or gives priority to an individual case. Individual conflicts should be resolved between judges. Attorneys are reminded of their responsibility to assist the Court in minimizing or resolving calendar conflicts (by the giving of prompt notice of an upcoming conflict) in accordance with the guidelines promulgated by the Alabama Supreme Court. Conflict resolution guidelines and procedures are published at length in the Alabama Rules of Court pamphlet published by West Publishing Company.

Such appropriate dockets as may be required by rule or law shall be prepared and published and notices given in a timely manner by the Clerks of Court.

Every effort has been made to avoid calendar conflicts with scheduled holidays. Holiday closings may be amended as required to facilitate court business or to conform to directives from the Governor or the Chief Justice.

The Court has established a calendar that essentially avoids jury court during Spring and Fall School Breaks, a substantial portion of the month of July and the Christmas – New Year holiday season. To succeed and be able to repeat this “luxury” in succeeding years, best efforts will have to be made to make the current year calendar productive.

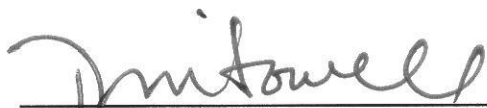
This calendar may be amended or augmented as necessary in order to appropriately dispose of any capital murder cases on the court docket. This will be done by separate order entered by individual judges. Any corrections, additions or deletions to this Calendar will be posted on the public bulletin boards maintained outside the Clerk’s offices.

Judge Debra Jones shall have general and supervisory authority over the jury civil division of the Circuit Court of Cleburne County (exclusive of the Family Court Division) and Judge Bud Turner shall have similar authority over the jury criminal division. Judge Shannon Page shall have general authority over all non-jury civil and non-jury criminal cases within said courts. Judges shall have the authority to alter this Calendar where necessary to effectuate the orderly flow of cases within that Court.

The calendar and this Order shall spread upon the Minutes of the Court in each county within this circuit and shall be forthwith published by the Clerks of Court. A copy of the same shall be forwarded to the Administrative Office of Courts, and a copy shall also be prominently posted at each office.

DATED:

October 26, 2020



BRIAN P. HOWELL,
Presiding Circuit Judge



Seventh Judicial Circuit of Alabama
Calhoun and Cleburne Counties
Official Calendar – 2021
(Civil and Criminal Divisions)
(Exclusive of Family Court and District Court)



JANUARY

1	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – NEW YEAR'S	
5	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL DOCKET CALL #1 – CLEBURNE	LHT
7	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #1 – CLEBURNE	DHJ
	10:30 AM	NON-JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #1 – CLEBURNE	SCP
11-15	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #1 – CALHOUN	CC:BPH CV: DHJ, LHT
18	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – ROBERT E. LEE/MARTIN L. KING, JR. BIRTHDAYS	
19	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #1 – CALHOUN	BPH, DHJ, LHT
	10:30 AM	NON-JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #1-CALHOUN	SCP
20-22		JUDGES' MID-WINTER CONFERENCE	
25-29	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #1 – CALHOUN	DHJ
28		ARRAIGNMENT #7 – CALHOUN	DHJ

FEBRUARY

1-5	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #1 – CLEBURNE	LHT
8-12	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL TRIAL WEEK #1 – CLEBURNE	DHJ
15	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – PRESIDENTS' DAY	
16-19	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #1 – CLEBURNE	LHT
22-26	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #2 – CALHOUN	CC: DHJ, LHT CV: BPH

MARCH

15-19	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #3 – CALHOUN	CC: BPH, DHJ CV: LHT
18	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #1 – CALHOUN	DHJ

22-26	ACADEMIC SPRING BREAK		
29-2	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #2 – CALHOUN	LHT
APRIL			
5-9	9:00 AM	JURY CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #2 – CLEBURNE	LHT
12-16	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #4 – CALHOUN	CC: LHT CV: BPH, DHJ
20	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #2 – CALHOUN NON-JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #2 – CALHOUN	BPH, DHJ, LHT SCP
26	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY	
29	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #1 – CLEBURNE	LHT
MAY			
6	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #2 – CALHOUN	LHT
10-14	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #5—CALHOUN	CC: BPH, DHJ CV: LHT
17-21	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #3 – CALHOUN	BPH
17-21	9:00 AM	JURY CIVIL TRIAL WEEK #2 – CLEBURNE	DHJ
25	CLOSED	HOLIDAY—MEMORIAL DAY	
JUNE			
7	CLOSED	HOLIDAY – JEFFERSON DAVIS' BIRTHDAY	
8-11	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #2 – CLEBURNE	LHT
10	9:00 AM	CRIMINAL DOCKET CALL #2 – CLEBURNE	LHT
14-18	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #6 – CALHOUN	CC: LHT CV: BPH, DHJ
22	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	CIVIL DOCKET #2 – CLEBURNE NON-JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #2 – CLEBURNE	DHJ SCP
JULY			
5	CLOSED	HOLIDAY—INDEPENDENCE DAY (OBSERVED)	
8	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #3 – CALHOUN	BPH
12-14 19-23		JUDGES' ANNUAL CONFERENCE	
	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #4 – CALHOUN	DHJ

26-30 9:00 AM JURY TRIAL WEEK #7 – CALHOUN CC: BPH
CV: DHJ, LHT

AUGUST

2-6 9:00 AM CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #3 – CLEBURNE LHT

9-13 9:00 AM JURY TRIAL WEEK #8 – CALHOUN CC: DHJ, LHT
CV: BPH

16-20 9:00 AM JURY CIVIL TRIAL WEEK #3 – CLEBURNE DHJ
LHT

23-27 9:00 AM GRAND JURY #5 – CALHOUN LHT

26 9:00 AM ARRAIGNMENT #2 – CLEBURNE LHT

SEPTEMBER

2 9:00 AM ARRAIGNMENT #4 – CALHOUN DHJ

6 **CLOSED** HOLIDAY – LABOR DAY

7-10 9:00 AM GRAND JURY #3 – CLEBURNE LHT

13-17 9:00 AM JURY TRIAL WEEK #9—CALHOUN CC: BPH
CV: DHJ, LHT

27-1 9:00 AM JURY TRIAL WEEK #10—CALHOUN CC: DHJ, LHT
CV: BPH

OCTOBER

4-8 9:00 AM JURY TRIAL WEEK #11 – CALHOUN CC: BPH, DHJ
CV: LHT

11 **CLOSED** HOLIDAY - COLUMBUS DAY

12 9:00 AM JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #3 – CALHOUN BPH, DHJ, LHT
10:30 AM NON-JURY CIVIL DOCKET CALL #3 – CALHOUN SCP

14 9:00 AM ARRAIGNMENT #5 – CALHOUN LHT

25-29 9:00 AM GRAND JURY #6 – CALHOUN BPH

NOVEMBER

1-5 9:00 AM JURY CRIMINAL TRIAL WEEK #4 – CLEBURNE LHT

10 9:00 AM ARRAIGNMENT #3 – CLEBURNE LHT

11 **CLOSED** HOLIDAY – VETERANS' DAY

15-19	9:00 AM	JURY TRIAL WEEK #12 – CALHOUN	CC: LHT CV: BPH, DHJ
25	CLOSED	HOLIDAY - THANKSGIVING DAY	
DECEMBER			
6-10	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #4 – CLEBURNE	LHT
9	9:00 AM	ARRAIGNMENT #6 – CALHOUN	BPH
13-17	9:00 AM	GRAND JURY #7 – CALHOUN	DHJ
24	CLOSED	HOLIDAY—CHRISTMAS DAY (OBSERVED)	

ADDITIONAL DIRECTIVES AND NOTATIONS:

The Family Court Division of the Circuit Court and the District Courts of Calhoun and Cleburne County will promulgate separate calendars and appropriate dockets.

Peremptory docket calls ("Horse Dockets") are mandatory. Unexcused non-attendance may result in adverse action.

Non-Jury Civil cases will be set by dockets or case orders issued out by the assigned judge and may be set other than through the use of peremptory docket calls ("Horse Dockets"). Additional non-jury civil docket calls may be set by separate order and held as needed to promote case flow and judicial economy.

Circuit Judge Debra Jones will be responsible for administering Circuit Court civil jury cases in Cleburne County and may amend this calendar as necessary to effectuate judicial economy and case resolution.

Circuit Judge Bud Turner will be responsible for administering Circuit Court criminal jury cases in Cleburne County and may amend this calendar as necessary to effectuate judicial economy and case resolution.

Circuit Judge Shannon Page will be responsible for administering all circuit level non-jury civil and criminal cases in both Calhoun and Cleburne Counties.

In Calhoun County, the judge who is responsible for jury organization is marked by an "*" unless a capital case is to be tried that week by special setting. In the latter instance, the judge trying the capital case will organize court.

2021 Master Calendar Abstract-Calhoun County

(FOR REFERENCE ONLY. MASTER CALENDAR IS OFFICIAL IN EVENT OF CONFLICT)

Trial Week & Date	Judge Howell	Judge Jones	Judge Turner
1 1-11-21	Criminal*	Civil	Civil
2 2-22-21	Civil	Criminal*	Criminal
3 3-15-21	Criminal*	Criminal	Civil
4 4-12-21	Civil	Civil	Criminal*
5 5-10-21	Criminal	Criminal*	Civil
6 6-14-21	Civil	Civil	Criminal*
7 7-26-21	Criminal*	Civil	Civil
8 8-9-21	Civil	Criminal*	Criminal
9 9-13-21	Criminal*	Civil	Civil
10 9-27-21	Civil	Criminal*	Criminal
11 10-4-21	Criminal	Criminal*	Civil
12 11-15-21	Civil	Civil	Criminal*

*Judge responsible for jury organization unless a capital case is to be tried that week by special setting. In the latter instance, the judge trying the capital case will organize court.

Grand Jury Assignments - Calhoun County

GJ #	Date	Assigned Judge	Arraignment Date
1	1-25-21	Jones	3-18-21
2	3-29-21	Turner	5-6-21
3	5-17-21	Howell	7-8-21
4	7-19-21	Jones	9-2-21
5	8-23-21	Howell	10-14-21
6	10-25-21	Turner	12-9-21
7	12-13-21	Jones	To Be Set 2022

CIVIL DOCKET CALL	DATE	JUDGES	SETTING FOR JURY WEEKS
Docket Call #1 (J) @ 9:00 AM (NJ) @ 10:30 AM	1-19-21	H,J,T Page	Trial Weeks 5, 6, 7, 8
Docket Call #2 (J) @ 9:00 AM (NJ) @ 10:30 AM (Including Administrative Docket)	4-20-21	H,J,T Page	Trial Weeks 8, 9, 10, 11
Docket Call #3 (J) @ 9:00 AM (NJ) @ 10:30 AM	10-12-21	H,J,T Page	Trial Weeks 12, 1, 2, 3, 4

2021 Master Calendar Abstract-Cleburne County

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Criminal Docket Call and Trial Week Assignments - Cleburne County

Event	Date	Assigned Judge
Criminal Docket Call #1	1-5-21	Turner
Criminal Docket Call #2	6-10-21	Turner
Criminal Trial Week #1	2-1-21	Turner
Criminal Trial Week #2	4-5-21	Turner
Criminal Trial Week #3	8-2-21	Turner
Criminal Trial Week #4	11-1-21	Turner

Grand Jury Assignments - Cleburne County

GJ#	Date	Assigned Judge	Arraignment Date
1	2-16-21	Turner	4-29-21
2	6-8-21	Turner	8-26-21
3	9-7-21	Turner	11-10-21
4	12-6-21	Turner	Set in 2022

Civil Docket Call and Trial Week Assignments - Cleburne County

Event	Date	Assigned Judge
Non-Jury Civil Docket Call #1	1-7-21	Page
Non-Jury Civil Docket Call #2	6-22-21	Page
Jury Civil Docket Call #1	1-7-21	Jones
Jury Civil Docket Call #2	6-22-21	Jones
		Jones
Jury Civil Trial Week #1	2-8-21	Jones
Jury Civil Trial Week #2	5-17-21	Jones
Jury Civil Trial Week #3	8-16-21	Jones